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SUBJECT: INFORMATION REQUEST ON CANADIAN COMPANY:
ASHLING INVESTMENTS LTD.

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1. IN CONTINUED PRESS COVERAGE OF RCMP ARREST OF PETER KENNEDY (PARA 2, REFTEL A), VANCOUVER SUN OF JUNE 9 REPORTS AN INTERVIEW WITH GUILLERMO CROSBY, IDENTIFIED AS THE PERUVIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN VANCOUVER. ACCORDING TO INTERVIEW, CROSBY SAID THAT KENNEDY HAD OFFERED HIM OFFICE SPACE AT 1055 WEST HASTINGS STREET AND THAT HE HAD MOVED IN TWO MONTHS AGO. HE SAID HE MADE NO INVESTMENTS ON KENNEDY'S BEHALF, BUT WOULD STEER INVESTMENT PROPOSALS TOWARD HIM FOR CONSIDERATION. HE SAID HE FOUND KENNEDY INTERESTED IN MAKING INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AMERICA. CROSBY ALSO SAID HE HAD CHECKED OUT KENNEDY'S "IMPECCABLE CREDENTIALS" AND THAT KENNEDY APPEARED TO HAVE LOTS OF MONEY TO INVEST. KENNEDY, HE CLAIMED, NEVER TALKED ABOUT NORTHERN IRELAND OR THE IRA.

2. VANCOUVER SUN IDENTIFIES ASHLING INVESTMENTS AS PART
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OF THE ASHLING GROUP, AN INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS AND FINANCE COMPANY WHOSE HEAD OFFICE IS IN CURACAO. THE LOCAL VANCOUVER OFFICE IS DESCRIBED AS A REAL ESTATE HOLDING COMPANY AND ASHLING MULTI-MEDIA CANADA LTD. AS BEING IN THE PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION AND FINANCING OF MOTION PICTURES.

3. COMMENT: OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE VANCOUVER CONSULAR CORPS HAS NEVER HEARD OF GUILLERMO CROSBY, BUT CONFIRMED THAT THE HONORARY PERUVIAN CONSUL GENERAL AND VICE CONSUL (ALLAN AND GARY NEWMAN) HAD RESIGNED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT BEING NAMED. ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S OFFICE, INQUIRIES TO THE PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR IN OTTAWA ABOUT A NEW APPOINTMENT IN VANCOUVER HAVE GONE UNANSWERED. LUPPI

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